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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED
UNAVOIDABLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(a)**

First named inventor: Xuehai Ye
Application Number: 09/972,956
Filed: 10/10/01
Title: Gene Transfer to Renal Glomerular Cells
Docket Number: 64688/152

1635

Group Art Unit: 1614
Examiner: J Eric Angell

Mail Stop: Office of Petitions
Commissioner for Patents
POB 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure allegedly to file a timely and proper reply to a notice or action by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The date of abandonment is the day after the expiration date of the period set for reply in the Office notice or action plus any extensions of time actually obtained.

APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION. NOTE: A grantable petition requires the following items:

- (1) Petition fee;**
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;**
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee--required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995, and for all design applications; and**
- (4) Adequate showing of the cause of unavoidable delay**
- (5) The reply required to the outstanding Office Action or Advisory Advisory**

1. Petition fee

X small entity-fee \$55.00 (37 CFR 1.17(l)) Applicant claims small entity status.

___ other than small entity fee \$.(37 CFR 1.17(1)).

2. Reply and/or issue fee

**The EOT fee through the 10/09/03 statutory period was paid previously on
08/19/03**

3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

X As this utility application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required (37CFR1.137(d)(1)).

___ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ ____ for a small entity or \$ ____ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

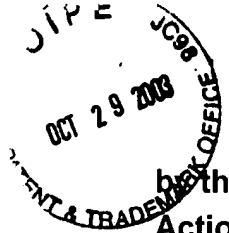
4. An adequate showing of the cause of the delay, and that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1. 137(a) was unavoidable, follows:

On 08/19/2003, following the 07/31/2003 Interview with the Examiner and the Primary Examiner, the petitioners filed an Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 which included state-of-the-art references supporting petitioners' assertion of utility for their invention, along the lines suggested by the examiners at the Interview.

In an Advisory Action dated 10/01/2003, the Primary Examiner noted several informalities in the Amendment of 08/19/2003, on the basis of which the claims remained rejected. Although this was presumably mailed by the USPTO on 10/01/2003, the Advisory Action mail had not yet reached the undersigned addressee by the evening of 10/03/2003 when the undersigned attorney left the United States for a scheduled vacation (copy of airline ticket enclosed). Upon his return to his office on 10/15/2002, the undersigned found the Advisory Action mail. By this time, the statutory period had expired (on 10/09/2003), and thus the application had gone abandoned. Hence, this petition.

The petitioners submit that the delay in receipt of the Advisory Action was caused by Office personnel. Referring to MPEP 714.13 on page 700-205, right column, third full paragraph:

An examiner is expected to turn in a response to an amendment after final rejection within 10 calendar days from the time the amendment is received by the examiner. A reply to an amendment after final rejection should be mailed within 30 days of the date the amendment was received by the Office.

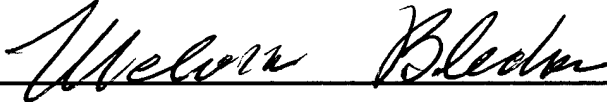
Petitioners' Amendment was routinely hand-delivered to the Office's Mail Room by the undersigned's courier on 08/19/2003, and the Primary Examiner in his Advisory Action has acknowledged receiving it. According to the MPEP section cited above, the Advisory Action should have been mailed to the undersigned no later than 09/18/2003. Had the Office followed its own guidelines, the undersigned would have had ample time in which to respond to the Advisory Action prior to his departing the country on 10/03/2003 and, obviously, prior to the statutory deadline of 10/09/2003. The Office failed to do so. Therefore, petitioners' submit that the abandonment was unavoidable by them, and pray for a grant of their petition for revival of their application.

5. Amendment

The response to the aforementioned Advisory Action accompanies this Petition.

Date of signature: 10/29/2003

Signature



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Amendment

PASSENGER TICKET AND BAGGAGE CHECK
SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

ISSUED BY **BRITISH AIRWAYS**

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